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Dr. Martin
Senator Edward Kennedy
Senate Office Bldg.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Martin,

Enclosed is a carbon of my today's letter to Mr. Lattimer. The only words in his letter - have not spoken in it are "by apologies for the slow reply to your letter."

I have not kept you completely informed about the refusing to be narrowly keen of which I have proof, nor have I told you everything I have learned. In part this is because I do and must keep confidences. However, I do tell you it is a fact and my proof is beyond any rational question. On the basis of mutual confidence, as I have always indicated, it is available to you, except for what I have asked be confidential.

For whatever it is worth to you, I tell this that this involves people now in the federal government and includes written proofs in my possession.

There is nothing in my letter to Mr. Lattimer that in any way requires any change in my thinking or action, especially insofar as you should interpret as a change in the total things I have suggested in your best public record and nothing intended to suggest that - believe that anyone, now and ever in the present circumstances, be permitted to see any of these materials. Except for that portion for which I have asked, that includes me, and I am the first to have requested access to this material. It should be obvious to you that I learned said for access to all of it, so I can do what a lawyer tells me is a valid order. I am further and tell you that an application from me for access has been denied initially unlimited. I know the reason and I have not responded to that solicitation.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

Dear Mac and Bill,

Having no idea of the line or belief in Jerry's office, there is a limit to what I feel I can safely tell them. However, I think you should know that under regulation and contract, what was done with Lattimer was wrong and when my letter did not reach the responsible official until after his illegal act, ex post facto he changed the regulations in an effort to legalize the illegal. This is the second ex post facto change in the federal regulations for which what I have done is responsible, in both cases to cloak an illegality. By now there is repetitive perjury involves in this miserable mess. I have the original regulations and all changes in my possession. There has been delay in what I know had been ordered. I can only hope that what I have attempted in the cause, and that the plans will not come to fruition. But to depend upon this would be self-deception. This has the potential for getting much worse and destructively hurtful to Jerry. You know Burke Marshall. I do not. I can find no rational explanation for what he has done and for what, to my knowledge, he has already agreed to. I ask that you not tell him this. Do not bother with formal acknowledgment, but if you have any questions, by all means ask them.